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# Strawberry Plants

For Season 1928

Grown by

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WEST CHESTER, PA.

*Grown in the wonderful Ches-  
ter County Loam. The finest  
soil in the world to grow any  
kind of plants.*

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everything  
we sell**

## CONDITIONS FOR 1928

The growing season of 1927 was all any one could ask for; too much rain at times making it expensive keeping down the weeds. The late Fall with plenty of moisture helped to mature the late set plants so that on October first most varieties were in condition to dig, something unusual in this section and the growing season continued right up into November.

We ran out of stock in May last year as our orders were much larger than usual and so many new accounts.

Our old customers stuck by us nobly and we were sorry to have to disappoint some who came late. Have increased our acreage and hope to be able to fill all of our orders. It is always a good policy to order early especially if orders are large.

## BUY PLANTS NEAR HOME

The growers of Southeastern Pennsylvania, or most of them, realize that it is greatly to their advantage to buy their plants near home. They thus get fresh dug plants, save on transportation and can have them in the ground in less than 24 hours from the time they were dug. This means a lot, for the quicker you get strawberry plants set after they are dug the better. That's one good reason why you should buy your plants near home. Also there is no place in the world where such fine plants, with bright yellow roots and plenty of vitality can be grown as right here in Chester County. Our plants are shipped in peck and one-half bushel baskets. The roots are thoroughly wet and packed upright in damp moss and they will reach you fresh and bright.

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## VARIETIES

It is our aim to grow those varieties that have been a success in this vicinity. We grow fruit for market and are therefore able to judge the varieties that are worthwhile. We have added and discarded from time to time and now have our list pretty small. You can not go wrong on any variety we offer.

We had to discard **Cooper** this year as it was too susceptible to leaf spot and also scalded badly. However, we have not given up hope of getting something better and will try several new varieties this season.

## BIGGER AND BETTER BUSINESS

Strawberry growing has increased largely in our territory during the past ten years. We attribute this increase mainly to the fact that growers can buy from us good strong healthy plants, get them fresh dug and varieties that have proven profitable. The fact that our business shows a steady increase year after year while our territory remains about the same warrants the above statement.

## PERFECT AND IMPERFECT VARIETIES

Perfect varieties when grown alone will insure a perfect crop of berries. We, therefore, grow only perfect varieties.

## PRICES

Our prices are as low as we possibly can make them and give real service and are about the average prices of other reliable growers. In lots of 100 our prices are lower than most growers. Do not ask us for cheap plants, we do not have them.

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## STRAWBERRIES

**Premier.** If you can make a profit on other varieties you can make bigger profits with **Premier**. **Premier** deserves good soil but will do well on any kind of soil. Just try an extra dose of fertilizer and see the results in size of berry. **Premier** makes an abundant plant growth, ripens early and bears through a long season. Yields more quarts to the acre than any other berry. The berries are delicious in quality, have a uniform shape and beautiful appearance which make them an easy selling proposition.

Many growers are planting **Premier** exclusively, getting a big crop of splendid fruit and their troubles are over. For home use local and roadside market, add **Big Joe**, or **Bun Special** for midseason and **Chesapeake** for late.

100—\$1.25; 500—\$4.50; 1000—\$8.00

**Chesapeake.** This berry is the aristocrat among strawberries and the best late variety known up to this date. It has color, size, shape, quality and every characteristic that makes for a perfect berry. It will not set quite as large a crop as some, but every berry that it does set will mature and you don't have to pick a lot of scrubs at the end of the season. Give **Chesapeake** rich soil, plenty of moisture and good care and you can rest assured of having a good crop of big lucious fruit. It will sell itself; all you have to do is to show it to the public and your worries are over.

It is a splendid shipper and will usually bring a premium of from one to two dollars a crate. We have a fine stand of extra large healthy plants and an increased acreage. We hope to be able to fill all orders this year. **Chesapeake** is especially good for this section as it ripens late and is always in demand at an increased price.

100—\$1.50; 500—\$5.00; 1000—\$9.00

**Big Joe.** As a mid-season berry it is hard to beat **Big Joe**. It is one of the best money makers, more especially for local and nearby markets. **Big Joe** is a splendid grower making plenty of plants and is very productive. The berries are a bright red, with green caps and very attractive. A grower who retails his berries will have no trouble in selling **Big Joe**. If you want a large, high quality, handsome berry be sure and include **Big Joe** in your plantings. As a home garden berry it can always be depended on and if you have more than you need for home use there will always be a market for them and usually at a premium over the average berry. **Premier, Chesapeake and Big Joe** make a grand combination.

100—\$1.00; 500—\$4.00; 1000—\$7.00

**Bun Special.** This variety is doing better every year. It is a dependable variety and will always show up well when most others fail. If you are not successful with other varieties try **Bun Special**. In case you want to renew a planting you can rest assured that **Bun Special** will come right up to the front, set a good stand of plants and give a fine crop of fruit. It has a rugged growth and a habit of overcoming adversity. The berries are a deep red clear to the center, of good flavor, evenly shaped and large size. They present a beautiful appearance when packed for market. A good variety to plant with **Premier** and **Chesapeake**.

100—\$1.00; 500—\$3.50; 1000—\$6.00

**Gibson.** This berry is an old standby and has always proved to be a profitable variety with us. Sets a wonderful crop of fruit, sometimes larger than it can ripen. The quality is excellent and is the best canning berry grown. It is a deep rooted variety and will stand a protracted drought.

100—\$1.00; 500—\$3.50; 1000—\$6.00

**Cooper.** We had to discard this variety after a four-year trial. **Cooper** was praised so highly by many dealers in plants that we gave it a thorough tryout. Only once did it do well at all and then under most intensive cultivation. That year the berries were extra large, but every berry was hollow and not up to the standard in flavor or any other quality, except size. This variety is certainly not adapted to this section.

## NO FALL SHIPMENTS

As we know the unsatisfactory results of Fall planting, we make no shipments of Strawberry Plants in Summer or Fall.

## GRAPES

We have a few of the following varieties of grapes. They are one year old vines transplanted last Spring and have good strong healthy roots and plenty of them. These transplants will come into bearing earlier and will prove more satisfactory in every way.

<b>Concord—Black</b> .....	\$0.55
<b>Niagara—White</b> .....	.30
<b>Brighton—Red</b> .....	.35
<b>Moore's Early—Black</b> .....	.30
<b>Moore's Diamond—White</b> ....	.35
<b>Wordan—Black</b> .....	.35
<b>Agawam—Red</b> .....	.35
<b>Catawba—Red</b> .....	.35

Every grape in this list is a tried and true variety and can recommend them either for home or market.

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## BLACK RASPBERRIES

The Honey Sweet is by all odds the best raspberry we have ever grown and we have grown practically all known varieties and have discarded them all for Honey Sweet. It is a truly grand berry and a heavy producer of delicious fruit. The berries are very large, sweet and of even size. Each cluster will have from two to four more berries than any other variety and every berry will be perfect.

Our plants are **disease free**. They have been inspected regularly by the State Authorities and at the last inspection they could not find one plant to condemn. In September, 1926, they found two doubtful plants. It is a waste of time to set diseased plants. We have a good supply this year.

6—\$1.00; 10—\$1.50; 20—\$2.50; 50—\$5.00

## HOW TO SHIP

The best way is to call in person for plants. If you can not come then Parcel Post is the best. Parcel Post is cheaper, quicker and more reliable. We keep informed on local routes and time our shipments so plants will be on the road only for a short time. We try to have all shipments sent out so they will reach you in the morning delivery. When we acknowledge your order, can tell you very near the hour and day the plants will arrive.

## DIGGING AND PACKING

The one safe and sure place to sort and tie strawberry plants is right in the field and as fast as they are dug. You can't tell a good plant from a poor one after it has been handled back and forth several times and knocked about in the open air for hours. In the field one has a chance to tell a good plant from a poor one, but in a packing shed it is very difficult.

Our plants are sorted and tied as fast as they are dug and right in the field and healed in at once. Then after the careful packing they receive they reach you fresh and bright.

## **ONE YEAR PLANTS**

We dig all our plants from one year old beds, that is from plants set last Spring. We never have dug from old beds or from beds that were renewed and hope we never have to.

## **ORDER BY PARCEL POST, C. O. D.**

We advise that customers have their parcel post packages sent C. O. D. for the amount of the postage. This not only fixes matters so that you pay just the actual postage, but it practically insures your package from loss in the mails, because your postmaster cannot collect the postage unless he delivers the package.

## **IMPORTANT**

We all make mistakes. Especially during the rush of a busy shipping season. If anything is wrong about your order, write fairly and decently about it and we will see that it is adjusted. We do not agree to replace plants that die unless it can be proven we are at fault. **DO NOT REFUSE A SHIPMENT**, but take it and **DO** the very best you can. Then let us know all about it and we will do everything in our power to make things right.

**Satisfied customers are the only kind we want and are the only kind worth having.**

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